

The Senate then retired to their chamber when the Lieutenant Governor, having taken the chair as presiding officer, made a few appropriate remarks. Adjournment was moved and carried until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Senate Chamber, November 6, 1863
10 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, prayer by the chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Moore of Davis presented the memorial of James H. Rodgers asking compensation for certain services. Referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Throckmorton offered the following resolution: "**Resolved** that the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the propriety of reducing the salaries of all the officers of the state government including the pay of members of the Legislature and report by bill or otherwise." Adopted. Also the following: "**Resolved** that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the number of Judicial Districts in the State and that they report by bill or otherwise." Adopted.

Mr. Moore of Davis offered the following: "**Resolved** that the Judiciary Committee inquire into the expediency and constitutionality of stopping interest on all debts where Confederate money has been tendered in payment and refused." Adopted.

Mr. Guinn offered the following resolution: "**Resolved** that the Judiciary Committee be instructed to take into consideration the propriety of reporting a bill to repeal the statute of conventional and legal interest and report at as early a day as practicable." Adopted.

Mr. Kinsey introduced a bill to amend the 4th Section of an act regulating the descent and distribution of estates passed March 18, 1848. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

The President announced the following standing committees:

Judiciary: Messrs. Harcourt, Chairman; Guinn, Mitchell, Selman, Shepard, Jordan, Ford.

Military Affairs: Messrs. Throckmorton, Chairman;

deavor to make "all the ends I am at my country's, God's and Truth's."

Wootten, Holland, Jordan, Moore of Bastrop, Jowers, Hord.

Finance: Messrs. Lea, Chairman; Throckmorton, Dickson, Guinn, Moore of Davis, Shepard, Wilson.

Public Lands: Messrs. Charlton, Chairman; Weatherford, Kinsey, Harcourt, Holland, Quayle, Hartley.

State Affairs: Messrs. Shepard, Chairman; Hord, White, Maxey, Kinsey.

Education: Messrs. Dickson, Chairman; Jowers, Harcourt, Wootten, Quayle.

Internal Improvements: Messrs. Parsons, Chairman; Jordan, Throckmorton, Beasley, Hartley, Mitchell, Shepard.

Private Land Claims: Messrs. Weatherford, Chairman; Burney, Charlton, Maxey, Ford.

Claims and Accounts: Messrs. Guinn, Chairman; Moore of Davis, Quayle, White, Dickson.

Printing and Contingent Expenses: Messrs. Ford, Chairman; White, Moore of Bastrop, Wootten, Holland.

Indian Affairs: Messrs. Burney, Chairman; Moore of Bastrop, Montague, Wilson, Magoffin, Selman, Haskell.

Penitentiary: Messrs. Selman, Chairman; Moore of Davis, Dickson, Ford, Burney.

Counties and County Boundaries: Messrs. Wootten, Chairman; Parsons, Durant, Weatherford, Cooley.

Roads, Bridges and Ferries: Messrs. Moore of Bastrop, Chairman; Beasley, Kinsey, Montague, Magoffin.

Confederate Relations: Messrs. Durant, Chairman; Hartley, Jowers, Hord, Wilson.

Engrossed Bills: Messrs. Moore of Davis, Chairman; Jowers, Kinsey, Jordan, Beasley.

Enrolled Bills: Messrs. Wilson, Chairman; Lea, Dickson, Cooley, Maxey.

Mr. Wootten offered the following: **“Resolved** that a select committee of three be instructed to ascertain the amount of university lands heretofore sold upon which no payment has been made; also to inquire the amount of university lands unsold. Also to ascertain the number of sections of land surveyed and belonging to the State within the Memphis and El Paso and Pacific railroad reserve. Also to ascertain the amount of alternate railroad sections of land surveyed and belonging to the State and the amount of land surveyed and field notes returned to the General Land Office of the four leagues of land heretofore set apart for Indian purposes and report the same to the Senate at

as early a day as practicable." Adopted.

A message from the House announced a concurrence in the Senate's amendment to the bill appropriating \$10,000 for contingent expenses of the 10th Legislature.

Mr. Burney offered the following: "**Resolved** that the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to take into consideration the propriety of a further suspension of the laws to enforce the collection of debts and report by bill or otherwise." Adopted.

Mr. Dickson offered the following: "**Resolved** that the Committee on Finance consider the propriety of levying a tax on specie payable in kind and that they report by bill or otherwise." Adopted.

Messrs. Wootten, Dickson, and Mitchell were announced as the committee indicated by Mr. Wootten's resolution.

Mr. Harcourt offered the following: "**Resolved** that the Committee on Printing and Contingent Expenses be authorized to contract for the printing of 2,000 copies of the inaugural address of Governor Murrah and the valedictory of Governor Lubbock for the use of the Senate." Adopted.

Mr. Ford introduced a bill to encourage the erection of certain machinery by donations of land. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

The Senate then adjourned until 4 o'clock P. M.

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Senate met, roll called, quorum present.

On Mr. Guinn's motion the Sergeant-at-Arms was granted leave of absence for several days.

Mr. Ford offered the following: "**Resolved** that the Committee on Public Printing be authorized to contract for the printing of ten copies for each Senator of the *Tri-Weekly Gazette*."

Mr. Selman moved to amend by adding "and that said copies be delivered to the Senators on the day of publication." Adopted. The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Harcourt introduced a bill to amend the 1st Section of an Act to fix the salaries of clerks and officers therein named. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Durant offered the following: "**Resolved** that the

Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing all exemptions to service in the State not secured by the Constitution and report by bill or otherwise." Adopted.

A joint resolution relative to the transportation of persons suspected of disloyalty and treason being in order was read 2nd time. Mr. Wootten offered a substitute.¹²

The joint resolution and substitute were referred to Judiciary Committee.

The Senate then adjourned until 10 o'clock A.M. tomorrow.

Senate Chamber, November 7, 1863
10 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. White from the Committee on State Affairs on behalf of the majority reported the bill to amend the 1st Section of an act to fix the salaries of the officers and clerks therein named and recommended that it do not pass.

The following minority report was also presented: "The Committee on State Affairs have had the bill to amend the 1st section of an act to fix the salaries of the officers and clerks therein named under consideration and I beg leave to make a minority report. It appears that the present salary of the Governor's private secretary is insufficient to support an efficient office or induce the acceptance of the office. The salary of the Governor's private secretary

¹²Wootten's substitute, as printed in the *Tri-Weekly Telegraph* (Houston), November 20, 1863, was:

"Whereas, from a recent order of Major Gen. J. B. Magruder, we are advised that he has discovered the presence in our midst of disloyal citizens:

Resolved 1st, By the Senate, (the House concurring,) that we accord to Major Gen. Magruder, for his vigilance in detecting, and promptness in exposing the civil minded citizens, the plaudit of "Well done thou good and faithful servant," and bid him God speed in the good work.

Resolved 2nd, That Maj. Gen. Magruder will find a ready preliminary solution to any difficulties that may arise in disposing of parties so arrested, in the sixteenth section of the bill of rights, which declares that "No citizen of this State shall be deprived of life, liberty, property, or privileges, outlawed or exiled, or in any manner disfranchised, except by due course of the law of the land."

Resolved 3rd, That the Governor be requested to see that the rights of all citizens of Texas be adjudicated upon the principles formed in the organic law.